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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Luc MONTAGNIER et al.)
Serial No. 08/470,489)
Filed: June 6, 1995)
For: RETROVIRUS CAPABLE OF)
CAUSING AIDS, MEANS AND)
METHOD FOR DETECTING IT)
IN VITRO)

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Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

In response to the December 6, 1995, Office Action
(Paper 5), Applicants submit the following amendments and
remarks. As a response was originally due on March 6, 1996,
Applicants file herewith a Petition for a one-month extension
of time and a \$110.00 check for the extension of time fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 42, 44-49, 52, and 54-59 as follows:

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42. (Once Amended) A method of detecting HIV-2
retrovirus RNA in a biological sample, said method comprising:
a) contacting said sample with a probe, wherein said
probe comprises nucleic acid [corresponding] complementary to
HIV-2 RNA;